

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 17-32 are active in the present application. Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-32 are new claims. Support for new Claim 17 is found in original Claim 1 and on page 3, line 8 and page 40, lines 19-21. Support for the limitation in new Claim 17 that the liquid crystal has a negative dielectric anisotropy is found in Example 7. Support for the limitation in new Claim 17 that the mixture is free of a chiral agent is found in Examples 7 and 14. Support for new Claim 18 is found in the Examples. Support for new Claims 19-20 is found in Example 7. Support for new Claims 21-29 is found in the original claims. Support for new Claim 30 is found in the Examples wherein monomer species that are inherently non-liquid crystalline are described. Support for new Claims 31 and 32 is found on page 40, lines 19-21.

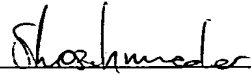
The specification has been amended on page 9 to describe Figure 3. Support for the amendment is found on page 16, lines 1-4. The table on page 29 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Support for the amendment is found in the Examples. The specification has been further amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

This application is a Continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/807,425 filed on July 3, 2001, now allowed, which is a 371 of PCT/JP909/05765 filed on October 9, 1999.

An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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